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## **Cabrillo College Students Re-Elect Student Body President for First Time in Cabrillo College History**

APTOS, CA – In a general election held at the end of spring semester, Charlotte Achen was re-elected president of the Associated Students of Cabrillo College (ASCC), Cabrillo College's Student Senate, for the first time since the college was founded in 1959.

"I am very excited to be serving the students of Cabrillo College for a second consecutive year," said Achen. "My goals for the coming school year include..."

Since 2009, Achen has been involved with the Cabrillo College [Alpha Gamma Sigma \(AGS\) Honor Society](#) as vice president of fundraising. She then became president of AGS in 2010. Prior to being elected president of ASCC for her first term in spring 2011, she served as an ASCC senator-at-large.

Although the commitment of leadership was challenging, Achen found it rewarding to help motivate other people to get involved and do their best. As ASCC president, Achen has been very determined to ensure that the Senate is effective, that student senators are engaged in actively representing the students.

"We are so proud of this historic accomplishment that Charlotte has achieved," said Sesario Escoto, Cabrillo College Dean of Student Services and ASCC Faculty Advisor. "Under Charlotte's leadership, our Student Senate has worked as a cohesive team to provide key services to the students of Cabrillo College. She encourages her fellow senators to take the job of representing students very seriously."

During her time at Cabrillo College, Achen has attributed much of her success to the Academy for College Excellence (ACE) program, which provided her with leadership skills and self-confidence. While in the ACE Program, she discovered that she had a passion and talent for public speaking. Since then, she has become a full-time Cabrillo student majoring in Sociology. She plans to graduate in Spring 2013 and is applying to transfer to Stanford University or Evergreen State College in Washington. Ultimately, she would like to pursue a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

ASCC president Achen and the rest of the Cabrillo College Student Senate were officially sworn in during a May 24<sup>th</sup> Student Senate meeting.

### **About Cabrillo College**

*Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers*



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*over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.*

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